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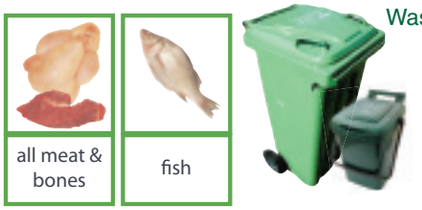

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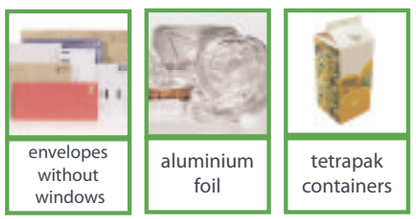

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Cops hunt East European gang for city centre armed robbery

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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POLICE are linking the city centre armed robbery to a group of Eastern Europeans behind 26 similar raids.

Last Tuesday, Christmas shoppers were left terrified as shots were fired and tear gas released at the Leslie Davis jewellers in thecentre:mk.

Thames Valley Police, who arrested three people and then released them without charge, believe it may have been the latest in a string of similar crimes.

The 26 previous robberies, carried out since April 2005, are thought to have involved people who had travelled to the UK from Estonia.

It understood these robbers showed a 'very similar modus operandi' to the people who struck thecentre:mk.

Police say they have taken 64 statements and spoken to more than 120 witnesses. They are also working with other forces nationwide.

However, the investigation has shifted to CCTV and forensic evidence as it is believed the robbers were part of an organised criminal gang.

Two men entered the shop - right by the Middleton Hall Christmas display - at 11.42am, threatening staff and customers with what is believed to be a handgun.

One of the men then smashed the back of the glass cabinets leading to the window display and grabbed several watches.

They then released a CS type gas and fired shots. The bullets were later found to be blanks.

They ran from the shop and left via Exit 11, between Next and The Entertainer.

They made their getaway in a black Ford Focus, which had been reported stolen in Oxford on November 29.

The car was found abandoned 13 minutes later on North Row, close to the footbridge into Conniburrow.

Police will not give details of the other offences they are looking at, but say they were in major English cities and towns. One happened at Berry's jewellers in Windsor in September 2008, for which two men from Estonia were convicted.

Detective Chief Inspector Pete Vigurs from the Major Crime Unit said: "We have spoken to other forces and the Serious Organised Crime Group and indications are that the Milton Keynes offence was the latest in this series of robberies.

"We are of course keeping an open mind and we are actively following other lines of investigation including looking at CCTV and possible forensic opportunities. We are all liaising with all the UK ports. I would like to reassure residents and visitors to Milton Keynes that it is very unlikely that the offenders are local or still in the area."

■ Anyone who has any information should contact Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505, quoting URN 789 1/12, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Standing ovation and £2,000 for UK heroes at stadiummk

CURRENT and ex-service men were given a standing ovation at stadiummk on Saturday.

MK Dons organised for their League One match against Yeovil Town to take place against the background of an Armed Forces Day.

The Dons and Yeovil players made a guard of honour for RAF Halton prior to kick-off and Squadron Leader Colin Baker carried the match ball to the centre circle.

Representatives from Bletchley, Leighton Buzzard and Winslow branches of the Royal British Legion, amongst other service men, took part in a half-time parade.

The club raised more than £2,000 for the Help For Heroes charity.

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Drink-drive cop still has her job

Drunk: PC Philippa Evans

Professional Standards Department considers investigation

A POLICE officer who turned up to work drunk is still employed by the force.

PC Philippa Evans, 42, was banned from driving for 20 months, as MK NEWS revealed last week.

The force said that the neighbourhood officer, based at Milton Keynes Police Station, is still an employee, but their Professional Standards Department is conducting an internal investigation.

PC Evans, from Wolverton, was arrested by colleagues on Saturday, December 6, 2008 after they suspected her of driving to work drunk.

She described drink driving as her 'pet hate' but arrived at work dishevelled and uneasy on her feet, telling one PCSO 'I'm still pissed'.

The officer of 18 years was meant to be starting her shift dealing with prisoners but ended up in custody herself.

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "It's an ongoing investigation by the Professional Standards Department. She's still employed by Thames Valley Police. But there is an internal investigation so we cannot say any more."

Figures under the Freedom of Information Act show that between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009, 24 internal investigations were started involving police officers from Milton Keynes. Three of these related to criminal offences.

Council 'meets only minimum requirements' – watchdog

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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THE city now has an adequate council, the Audit Commission will announce today.

The Government body says Milton Keynes Council - which it branded 'poor' last year - 'meets only minimum requirements'.

Chief executive David Hill said the assessment shows that the authority is moving in the right direction.

However, it is still performing poorly in the management of its finances and 'needs to manage its money and staff better'.

Council Leader Sam Crooks said: "We have been itching to share this result with the world for the best part of two months.

"As ever we have a lot to shout about in MK - we are one of only a handful of places nationally to go through to the next stage in our bid for a fully fledged university."

This year's rating is part of the new 'Comprehensive Area Assessment', which also looks at local police, fire and health authorities, collated in a new 'Oneplace' website.

It paints a mixed picture of services in Milton Keynes.

Four out of five people say they are fairly happy living here, but half say they don't feel they belong.

Rob Hathaway, Oneplace spokesman, said: "Some children don't have the best start in life and much more needs to be done in schools, health, support groups and with families to help young people achieve.

"Unemployment has grown quickly and skills levels do not meet business needs although the council, further education providers and businesses are targeting this for improvement."

Last year Milton Keynes Council was given one star of a possible four, putting it among the worst three per cent of councils alongside Haringey, Doncaster and Surrey.

■ Children's services have gone from being inadequate to adequate.

Ofsted is releasing its local authority ratings today, in which it shows Milton Keynes's schools and services are improving.

The Government body's report says that services for young people are in line with or better than the national figure.

However, further improvements are needed in schools as well as provisions for vulnerable children.

Cabinet member for children, Cllr Sandra Clark, said: "There is no doubt that we are improving our services for children and young people. I am pleased that the ratings published today have recognised this."

Free car parking for car sharers

COMMUTERS are being offered free car parking at Milton Keynes Central Station in exchange for signing up to a new car share scheme.

Hundreds of 'three month free' vouchers were distributed among commuters to encourage them to sign up to the CARSHAREMK scheme joining the 3,757 CMK employees who are already part of the scheme.

Once signed up, they will be able to take advantage of any of the 400 'car share only' parking spaces, the standard rate bays (30p per hour) and the blue long stay spaces dotted around CMK.

Officers from Milton Keynes Council, CARSHAREMK, Arriva, London Midland and the Energy Saving Trust provide information at the recent roadshow at the train station. This was not just on car sharing but also on walking, cycling, bus/train travel, eco-driving techniques and the station travel plan.

Cllr Alan Mallyon, Cabinet Member responsible for Transport said: "The roadshow has been a successful way to capture commuters attention in demonstrating how to make transport more sustainable and environmentally friendly as well as saving money in the process. We hope to continue the roadshows in the New Year and get more commuters on board with CARSHAREMK and other eco-friendly forms of transport. It was also particularly encouraging to see so many dedicated cyclists accessing the station.'

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THERE was a Victorian feel in Olney on Sunday as the town celebrated its annual Dickens of a Christmas celebration. Theme for the day was of course the famous 19th century author himself Charles Dickens. Music, singing and stallholders dressed in traditional period costume added to the fun. Picture Simon St Clare

Sergeant alleged to have used confiscated items at private party

Cop is accused of taking fireworks

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A SERGEANT has been accused of gross misconduct after allegedly taking fireworks confiscated by police.

It is alleged that the items seized during a police operation were taken and used at a private party.

The incident is the subject of an internal investigation led by the Professional Standards Department of Thames Valley Police.

The sergeant has been placed on 'restricted duties', but is still employed by the force.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "An allegation of gross misconduct has been made against a sergeant at Milton Keynes police station and an internal investigation by the force Professional Standards Department has been launched. As the investigation is ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment further.

"While the investigation is ongoing, the officer has been placed on restricted duties. He has not been suspended and is still employed by Thames Valley Police."

Inquest into baby's hospital death

AN inquest into the death of a new born baby at Milton Keynes Hospital is to start today.

Deputy coroner Tom Osborne is due to hear evidence of the death of Ebony McCall, who died half-an-hour after she was delivered by Caesarean section in the early hours of Saturday, May 9.

Her 17-year-old mother Amanda, from Beckton Rise, Monkston Park, was at the end of the pregnancy when she was admitted to hospital with stomach pain on Friday, May 8.

Tests showed she was in labour at 11.30pm and the baby's heart beat was abnormal, but Ebony was not delivered by Caesarean section until 3.21am.

Ebony deteriorated and died at 3.54am.

The inquest is expected to take three days.

Log on to www.mk-news.co.uk over the coming days for further inquest details.

240 hours unpaid work for eBay seller

A MAN who sold fake designer trainers on eBay has been sentenced to 240 hours of community work.

Tau Han Phong, 21, of Culrain Place, Hodge Lea, Milton Keynes, was caught when investigators working on behalf of Lacoste purchased two pairs of trainers from two separate sellers' accounts on auction website eBay, which were both registered to him.

On April 4, 2008 his address was searched under a warrant and a large amount of Lacoste and Nike trainers were seized and forfeited.

Phong was charged with 671 offences under the Trade Marks Act. At Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday, he was sentenced to a 12-month community order with a requirement to do 240 hours of unpaid work, after pleading guilty at an earlier hearing.

He has also been ordered to pay costs of £4,172.72.

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MK LETTERS

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Robbery shock

SIR – Regarding the MK armed robbery.

I was just walking out of The Entertainer when the shots went off and was pushing my son in his buggy.

I have never been so scared, all sorts of things went through my mind but I'm so glad that nobody got hurt the initial shock was bad enough

Michelle
Sent by e-mail

A roundabout way of improving traffic flow

SIR – As a self-employed sole trader working in and around Milton Keynes I use a lot of the trade outlets in Bletchley.

I travel a lot between Screwfix, B&Q, Wickes and various others in Fenny Stratford.

I was appalled at the so called improvements to the now infamous double roundabouts at B&Q.

These roundabouts, which would work if people would learn to use them properly and follow the arrows, are to be replaced with traffic lights.

This will be a retrograde step in my opinion for anybody wishing to travel from Screwfix, on to B&Q and then on to Wickes.

It will entail the following journey; leave Screwfix, turn right onto Watling Street, turn right at the new exit on the Granby roundabout, turn left onto Denbigh Road, leave B&Q, turn left at the new traffic lights towards the Denbigh roundabout, go all the way round and head back towards B&Q, sit at the traffic lights again and then turn left onto Watling Street towards Wickes.

An alternative would be to turn right when you are on the Denbigh roundabout into Bletcham Way and then turn right at the roundabout at Bond Avenue, turn right onto Bilton Road and then turn right into Watling Street towards Wickes (this in itself is a nightmare at times).

I fail to see where the improvements are when at the moment I can leave Screwfix, go down Denbigh Road, leave B&Q, go straight across the double roundabouts and on to Wickes.

It looks from the plans that there will also be no right turn from Saxon Street onto Watling Street in order to get to B&Q.

One will have to run the gamut of the two sets of lights in Bletcham Way and then go back down Denbigh Road from the Granby roundabout to B&Q.

I fail to see the logic in all of this merry-go-round activity. It is going to cost me more in time and fuel and increase the amount of pollution with all of the stop-start driving at all of these traffic lights.

The ease of travel within Milton Keynes is rapidly becoming a joke with the placing of traffic lights on roundabouts which were originally built to keep traffic flowing and the installation of new traffic lights everywhere to replace existing roundabouts.

What crazy ideas will the council planners come up with next to grind us into the ground and get us on to useless public transport?

This whole scheme makes a mockery of their so-called green credentials.

Derek Harpur
Sent by e-mail

Laughable police

SIR – Regarding you story about the drunk police officer.

This makes me laugh she has arrested me before and stopped me on the streets for drinking.

Knowing that she drinks on the job makes Milton Keynes police a joke.

Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – Regarding PC Evans.

She should not be allowed to keep her job.

This officer was part of a complaint I made to Thames Valley Police, the excuses I was given for her behaviour was she was not aware of the situation I was asking for help for and left it to a newly-qualified officer.

Sent by e-mail

Bid bad

SIR – No to Milton Keynes World Cup Bid.

I strongly oppose the bid by Milton Keynes to be a World Cup stadium. The football club stole the team from its traditional home.

There is no heritage there, it flies in the face of everything to do with the history of the game in England.

The bid should use traditional teams stadiums with a real history in the national game.

Tom
Sent by e-mail

Stamping on beauty

SIR – My friend from Western Australia sent me a parcel for my Christmas present.

We both like stamps and often exchange gifts, a big part of the pleasure of sending is the arrival at the front door of a Royal Mail postie with a parcel from the other side of the world.

It's like spending time admiring the wrapping paper on a christmas present on Christmas Eve.

Wondering what on earth it could be that's hiding inside that beautifully and thoughtfully wrapped box. And, look your name is on it.

This time Royal Mail gave me the courtesy of about ten seconds to answer the doorbell to sign but the package was by then already being inked on as 'not at home' across the corner. I didn't have my glasses on, but on opening the door and thereby surprising the postie I was told to 'sign and print your name'.

So I did a scrawl somewhere to retrieve the parcel as Royal Mail is always in such a hurry to go elsewhere these days.

My friend had told me by e-mail how he had spent ages in his post office in Australia selecting lovely stamps to stick on and how he'd been able to have them all franked there-and-then by a most helpful counter lady with a minimum of ink so as to not detract from their beauty. $130 Aus of stamps (about £70) and my friend had covered the box with them as a special eye-treat for me to look at before opening the actual box on Christmas Day.

He told me how it would by now be heading to Perth to begin it's round-the-world trip to Milton Keynes and hoped I'd be pleased with his selection of beautiful oz stamps, never mind the tatty gifts inside.

The parcel flew round the world intact and was probably chucked around underarm from place to place no doubt as customs would want to safely sniff it, of course!

It arrived in MK intact days later. And then what happened?

An MK RM moron with nil concept of anything of beauty other than a print-out label in Parcel Force MK sorting office slapped a 10cm X 15cm Parcel Force delivery barcode sticker across as many of those beautiful stamps as he could manage to obliterate forever from my view.

Hey! Thanks Royal Mail for that! And Happy Xmas to you, too!

Name and address supplied

Women and children last for 'tough guy' robbers

SIR – I just wanted to write in and say what really 'tough guys' the cowards who robbed the jewellers must be.

How their families must be proud of their offspring when they go knowingly into a shopping area right where a Santa's Grotto is, full of women and children and start shooting guns.

What a wonderful way to lead a miserable cowardly existence.

Still, when they get caught at least we will see an example of our Governments 'tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime' stance.

I expect they will be looking at least six weeks hard time in one of our country's 'maximum security' hotels, sorry, prisons – suspended of course.

Yours despairingly, a once proud British citizen.

Dave
Sent by e-mail

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Don't let burglars wreck Christmas

BY LAURA HANNAM
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WANT to avoid a nightmare before Christmas?

SaferMK staged this burglary scene recently to encourage residents to be more security conscious during the festive season.

The scene shows the aftermath of a burglary with a trashed Christmas tree, torn open presents, empty boxes and a sinister 'Merry Xmas' message painted on the wall.

Detectiver Inspector Nick Glister, from Thames Valley Police, said: "Burglars know that at Christmas time our houses are full of gifts like games consoles, digital cameras, mobile phones and iPods.

"By putting your tree in the window and displaying presents under it, you are effectively letting burglars go window shopping in your home.

"Most burglaries and thefts are carried out by opportunist offenders who simply walk around looking for an easy target. The more difficult you make it for them the less likely you are to become a victim of crime."

A burglary victim, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "Our house was burgled last Christmas while we were away. They stole various things but by far the most upsetting was the loss of a jewellery box which contained sentimental items, which can't be replaced.

"The emotional impact of having your house burgled takes a long time to get over."

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Council is WRAPped up in new waste deal

THE council has signed up to a new commitment to ensure its waste collection service is top notch.

Milton Keynes Council's waste collection commitment is designed to ensure residents receive a waste and recycling collection service that is value for money and meets their needs.

It has been developed by WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) and the Local Government Association and is based on research into what people like and dislike about their existing services. It sets out ten points which the council will meet in delivering its service, including providing regular and reliable collections.

Cllr Mike Galloway, responsible for the environment, said: "By signing up to this commitment we are reinforcing the message to our residents that we are committed to providing them with a waste and recycling collection service which is right for them.

"The commitment makes it clear what residents can expect from our service and we hope it will improve residents' satisfaction with it even further."

■ Milton Keynes Council has signed a 15-year deal for the management of its recycling facility at the Old Wolverton site.

Community Waste Ltd which will oversee the facility until 2024 plans to introduce new technology and ideas to allow residents to recycle more.

Internet secrets on show at Park

THE world's first gallery charting the evolution of the Internet has opened at Bletchley Park.

On Friday a new digital heritage display went on show at The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC).

It traces the history of communication technology, beginning with the electronic telegraph to today's high speed Internet connections.

Sponsored by the National Physical Laboratory NPL,

it showcases precursors to the internet, such as the 1960s British European Airways airline booking system which connected 200 sales agents to a central system.

Kevin Murrell, a director and trustee of TNMOC, said: "Now used by more than one in four of the world's population, the Internet is the phenomenon of our age and the new gallery sets out to explain the technologies that have made it possible.

"We believe that this display is the first of its type anywhere in the world and are very grateful to NPL which has sponsored the gallery and contributed fascinating and until now little-known information about its pioneering work in packet-switching, a key Internet building block."

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Make and eat art

THE latest exhibitions at Milton Keynes Gallery encourage the visitor to make their own art and eat some too.

The exhibition features two projects curated by Lost & Found, Milton Keynes Gallery's Young People's Project.

Instead of simply bringing together a number of objects for display in a conventional gallery setting, these projects aim to include visitors in the process of making art and installing exhibitions. The Centre of Attention (Pierre Coinde and Gary O'Dwyer) offers visitors the chance to make improvements to the installation while artist Graham Hudson's installation has used the gallery like a studio space so visitors can climb the stairs to the upper level where they can play records.

This Friday, between 6-8pm there is a free event

Artist and chef Mike Knowlden presents an event exploring culinary process and composition.

Using ingredients that are locally sourced and seasonal, Mike will devise a tasting menu over the course of the day spent at the gallery, to be cooked and served at the evening's event. In addition to drawing attention to the provenance of the food, the aim of this menu to highlight the relationship between ingredients through creating a variety of forms, tastes and textures.

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HELP charity and get a sneak preview of a Christmas blockbuster at Xscape.

On Sunday, Cineworld MK will be showing Alvin and The Chipmunks 2: The Squeakquel and you could be one of the first to see the film at an exclusive regional charity gala screening.

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Tickets: Box office: 0871 200 2000. On-line at www.cineworld.co.uk (select Milton Keynes) or call in person to the box office.

Hot food and wine on offer at centre fayre

SHOPPERS will be flocking to city square to eat, drink and be merry.

Yesterday, thecentre:mk's Christmas fayre opened, selling everything from mulled wine to Christmas cakes.

The traditional Christmas carvery serves turkey, beef, roast potatoes and speciality sausages, while hot cider or a slice of stollen are on offer nearby.

Jackie Tracey, events manager at thecentre:mk, said: "Food is an integral part of a perfect Christmas, so why should it be any different when you're out Christmas shopping? The food is all cooked on site and aimed at banishing the winter weather."

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Paul Hunt
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Last year trade was difficult – but this feels like the most successful Christmas for a long time – if only it would snow

John Lewis boss Paul Hunt

Nowadays it is not the sound of sleigh bells but cash registers ringing which heralds Christmas. Nowhere is this more the case than thecentre:mk's John Lewis. Reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE went to meet the people who make the magic happen.

WHEN it comes to names that are synonymous with Christmas, there is one that hopes to rival Santa Claus and even Cliff Richard – that's John Lewis.

This year the department store's 800 staff have been joined by 230 temps – in a shop adorned with 4,000 baubles – for the festive period. The staff's aim is simple: to get presents from stock room to stocking.

For John Lewis this Christmas actually started in December – December 2008.

"We've been gearing up for this all year, pretty much since we finished eating the Christmas turkey last year," said Paul Hunt, managing director.

They started buying the stock in May and the decorations were up when the Halloween merchandise was still on the shelves.

Already in the thick of the festivities, their busiest week will begin in a fortnight.

Over the years this shop has grudgingly opened its mind to the open-all-hours mentality.

It was not so long ago that it stubbornly kept its shutters shut on Sundays and Mondays.

But come Christmas 2009, its 9am-9pm on weekdays and 8am-8pm on a Saturday.

Mr Hunt said: "We've come a long way since then. Sunday is now our second best day of the week.

"We are open right up until 5pm on Christmas Eve and clearance starts on December 27. If we were open on Boxing Day we would take money, but we are not going to. It's the right choice. The partners work hard all year and it doesn't do any harm for them to have two days off. It's about getting the balance."

Up on the first floor is the serious matter of toys.

Department manager Julia Ferguson said her team is already seeing ten times more custom than the rest of the year.

She said: "We have our busiest time earlier than other departments because people want to buy their children's presents earlier. Other presents can be sorted out later on. If you don't get the right thing it's not a big deal. But if you don't get the right present for the kids it would be a disaster.

"Grandparents turn up in the morning with a list of six or eight grandchildren, and they always go away with arms full.

"So for us, filling up the stock is never ending."

There will only be disappointment for those queuing for a Go Go Hamster, this year's fad, they have not got enough to meet demand.

While the hamster may be new, it becomes clear that nothing really changes from one Christmas to the next.

The most popular toys this year include Sylvanian Families sets, Star Wars figures, Action Man (though he is now named HM Armed Forces), astronomy sets and dressing up costumes.

One of this year's best sellers is, surprisingly, a wooden train set, tying in with the shop's theme of a traditional, British Christmas.

Up in The Place to Eat, customers are observing another great British tradition: consuming food.

Department manager Deborah Barker said: "We are already in our busiest time. It varies from branch to branch, but in Milton Keynes the best seller is the fruit scone."

Over on the electrical department, where the most money is taken, it is a case of 'recession, what recession?'.

Mr Hunt said: "There is a massive demand for iPods, Wiis, computers, laptops. TVs have had a fantastic time, and lots of people are getting into digital SLR cameras."

In fact, the bosses are asking the same question.

In fact, last weekend was their best weekend since 2001.

He added: "In the last six weeks, sales have ramped up. Last year trade was difficult. We were in the teeth of the recession. But this feels like the most successful Christmas for a long time. If only it would snow."

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A spellbinding production – oh yes it is!

PANTO REVIEW

THIS year's pantomime will have children and adults spellbound one moment then rolling in the aisles with laughter the next.

The production features superb performances from stars including Hollywood legend Mickey Rooney, as Cinderella's father Baron Hardup, comedy legend Bobby Davro as Buttons, West End leading lady Louise Dearman as Cinderella and Anthea Turner as the Fairy Godmother.

We attended the press showing on Monday night, seven performances into the mammoth run.

It was generally thought that Bradley Walsh's performance as Buttons in Milton Keynes Theatre's production of Cinderella in 2006 could not be topped, but Bobby Davro is absolutely superb in the role this year.

Without giving too much away look out for some hilarious song routines with Buttons and the Ugly Sisters (who were sensational) and for Davro dressed as a Kangaroo, classic panto fun.

Louise Dearman makes an excellent leading lady with a beautiful voice, particularly her rendition of Hero.

MK's Top Talent winner, 14-year-old singer Holly Brewer, gives a magical performance alongside Anthea Turner as the Fairy Godmother's side kick, including singing a solo. While Top Talent runner up Adam Gates gets the chance to rap in the Royal Palace.

Local children who won a talent competition run by Robinsons also appeared on the stage as young villagers.

This week Anthony Kavanagh filled in admirably as Prince Charming for A1's Ben Adams who will return on Sunday.

The bright and sparkling costumes are a delight particularly the Ugly Sisters' colourful fruit-themed Robinsons dresses.

The whole production is brilliantly scripted, witty, colourful and a fun night out for all the family. A must see.

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Anti-bullying hero is a No 10 'regular'

A CITY campaigner is becoming a regular at Downing Street after being recognised again for his anti-bullying work.

Alex Holmes, 21, from Stony Stratford was awarded the Gold Diana Award for Extra Mile Achievers last week at an event in 11 Downing Street.

Last October, Prime Minister Gordon Brown gave Mr Holmes, who has spread his Heads High Anti-Bullying campaign across the UK, his support when he was invited to Number 10.

This time he was among just ten people honoured 'for being an outstanding role model and for your continued and selfless commitment to your community'.

The former bullying victim mingled with everyone from Chancellor Alistair Darling to Bee Gee Robin Gibb and X Factor star Diana Vickers.

Mr Holmes said: "It's been a fantastic year – I've been on Sky 1's Noels HQ, been visited by Italian TV, and now visited Downing Street for the second year running. I really hope 2010 is just as exciting. The young people inspire me and in turn I hope I have inspired them. I never imagine my campaign efforts would have reached these heights, but who knows where it will end up now."

Alex Holmes recieves his Diana Gold Award from Robin Gibb

Ambassador for the award, Robin Gibb, said: "Diana Award holders act as a force for good to build a society in which we would all like to live. They are positive role models for a generation and will motivate other young people. They are an inspiration to us all."

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E-survey: MP Phyllis Starkey

RESIDENTS of Milton Keynes are shaping the future of Parliament.

City MP Dr Phyllis Starkey, who sits on the Commons' Parliamentary Reform Committee, canvassed her constituents for their views on the future of government.

Now their views have made it into a final draft of the committee's report, just published.

Their feedback favoured petitions being submitted to Parliament to determine their debates, a system already used by the Scottish Parliament.

Of the hundreds of people surveyed, 89 per cent said they supported this option.

Dr Starkey said she is pleased that Milton Keynes is influencing the future of politics.

She said: "The responses from my e-survey showed a clear 4:1 majority in favour of Westminster adopting the Scottish system of a petitions committee, with no limit on the types of topic a public petition could suggest. I reported the results to the rest of the committee and it helped to convince them to recommend a petitions committee be set up immediately on a trial basis. We also recommended the more radical option of a popular petition being able to directly force issues to be debated in Parliament."

Dr Starkey has a track record in parliamentary reform, simplifying many of the rules surrounding debates when she was on the Government's Modernisation Committee.

She added: "I am really pleased that Milton Keynes electors have been able, through my survey, to have their say on parliamentary reform. The public should have a direct voice in influencing Parliament as well as working through their MP."

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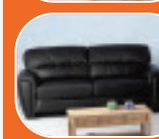
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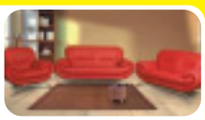

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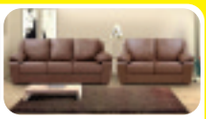

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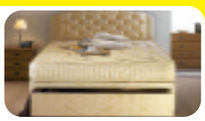

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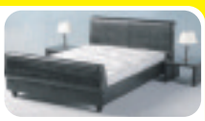

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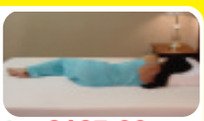

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The final date to get first class post in the system is December 21. The last recommended posting day for second class mail is December 18.

And valuable or last minute Christmas gifts sent by Royal Mail's Special Delivery must be in the post by December 23.

Royal Mail spokesman Mike Dalton said: "Getting your cards and packages in the post as early as possible will not only help us to deliver another great Christmas for you but will make sure gifts and messages arrive in plenty of time for the big day.

"With more than two billion items of mail expected to be posted this Christmas it's vital to get greetings in the post as early as possible."

Tackling local issues for local people

POLICE are taking action against antisocial behaviour in Olney.

In a week-long initiative, residents will get advice and reassurance from officers and representatives from the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), community safety wardens, parish wardens and Bucks Fire and Rescue service.

The event started on Monday at the Market Place with a mobile police van giving advice to local residents about their concerns.

As part of the campaign a team of police volunteers will be delivering newsletters telling householders about the work NAG and partners have been doing in the area to keep crime low.

Inspector Roy Stringer, who leads the Olney police team, said: "Operation Confidence is designed to do exactly what it says, which is to ensure local people feel confident in the police and partners to tackle local issues that matter to local people.

"The campaign focuses on anti-social behaviour because residents tell us that this is their biggest concern."

Richard Solly, SaferMK manager, said: "There are lots of events running throughout the week where residents in Olney can come and express any concerns or issues they may have. We need local people to tell us what they want us to be focusing on. SaferMK is all about partner agencies working together with local people to sort out local problems."

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The Community Foundation team (front row) join contractors at the new site

Sex charity at hub of the community

A NEW community facility is heading to the heart of the city.

Brook Milton Keynes, the sexual health charity, will be setting up shop at the Sainsbury's development.

The 5,000 sq ft office site, which is at the Hub, not the old Sainsbury's as previously reported, has been gifted to the Community Foundation.

Unveiled in the new year, Brook will provide information and advice on contraception and sexual health to young people.

Julia Upton, chief executive, Community Foundation, said: "This is an extraordinary and very exciting new initiative which the Foundation has been working on for a number of years.

"It is really important that the voluntary and community sector has a stake in the city centre so that it can actively contribute to creating a vibrant and well-supported community.

"The Foundation is committed to securing affordable accommodation to meet the needs of today and those in the future."

The site was gifted by Milton Keynes Partnership to the Community Foundation's Property Company which manages a portfolio of land and buildings across Milton Keynes.

John Lewis, chief executive of Milton Keynes Partnership, said: "From the start of this development we wanted to ensure that the voluntary and community sector would have a presence in Central Milton Keynes.

"It is great news that the Community Foundation's new building will enable Brook Milton Keynes to provide an essential service for young people in the heart of the city."

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Estate's Iron Age art

ARTWORK inspired by the iron age past is gracing a new estate.

Public art for Tattenhoe Park is taking shape in the form of circular granite seating and a giant kaleidoscope for Priory Rise School.

The works are the brainchild of artist Simon Watkinson, who has identified reports from archaeological digs which show the area was home to roundhouse dwellings.

He said: "I like the idea of imagining the inhabitants of this area two thousand years ago sitting in circles discussing their day in the same way as the new settlers will be in Tattenhoe Park public square."

Along with landscape design team Quartet, he has taken the reference of the roundhouse to inspire the design of a seating and paving area for the new community.

The idea is for the seating to encourage the gathering of people and the building of new relationships and friendships.

The seats are of various heights and scales for all to enjoy.

The roundhouse and circular form is also being used as a theme across Tattenhoe Park and Kingsmead South to inspire developers and the emerging communities.

The next phase is the installation of a giant kaleidoscope in the school which students will be able to turn and view the changing patterns produced.

Cllr Vanessa McPake, said: "As the cabinet member responsible for both heritage and art, I am delighted that this arts project brings our heritage right into the 21st century.

"I am particularly pleased that this superb artist is involving students from the local Priory Rise School so that the public art will have real public ownership.

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Back to the future: The roundhouse-inspired design of the seating and paving area

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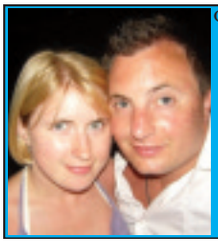

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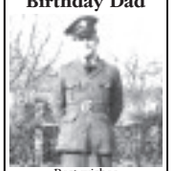

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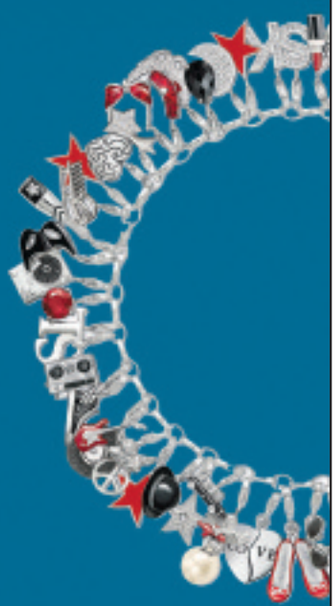

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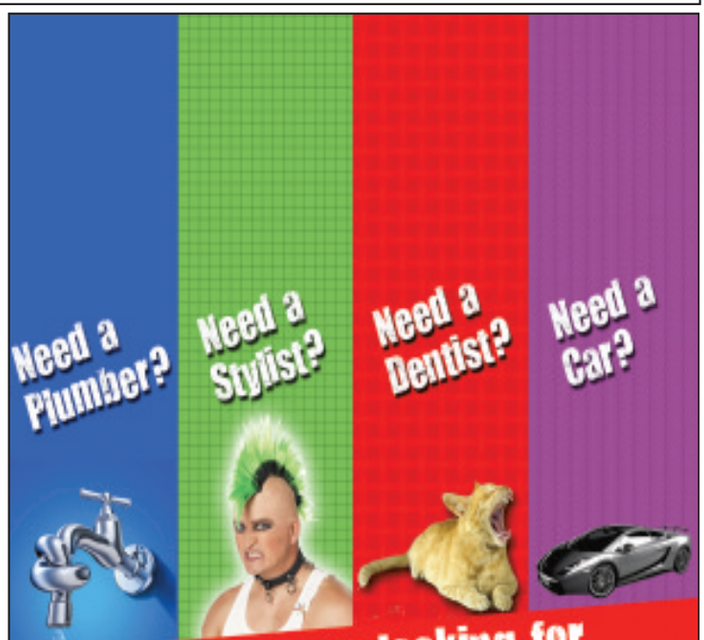

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The date for your diaries is Sunday 13th December. The festivities kick off at 4pm until 7pm.

Visitors to this free event will be able to shop for yuletide bargains at the Christmas Market being held in the magnificent period rooms. Gifts available for purchase will range from jewellery to jam, from plants to paper and from cards to collectables.

Watch the delightful Lantern parade and really get into the Christmas spirit listening to CK Gospel Choir and JP Jazz. Children will be able to show-off their creative side in our craft/activities rooms. Adults will be equally entertained by the Diamond School of Performing Arts and their superb choir and a modern take on the nativity.

Zest Catering will have turkey rolls and mince pies for sale, to keep you fuelled while you shop. There will also be hot drinks including mulled wine.

No Christmas event would be complete without Father Christmas and this year he will be handing out sweets to all the good little boys and girls!

The Mansion is a gorgeous Victorian building set in acres of sculpted idyllic grounds. Best known as the home of the WWII enigma code-breakers, The Mansion looks spectacular at this time of year and West Bletchley Council are delighted to hold this very popular event in partnership with Bletchley Park once again.

Free parking is available on site but, visitors are encouraged to take a bracing walk to attend!

If you are interested in taking part or require any additional inforatmion contact Paul Neate - Community Projects Officer for West Bletchley Council on (01908) 634033 or via email Paul.Neate@westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

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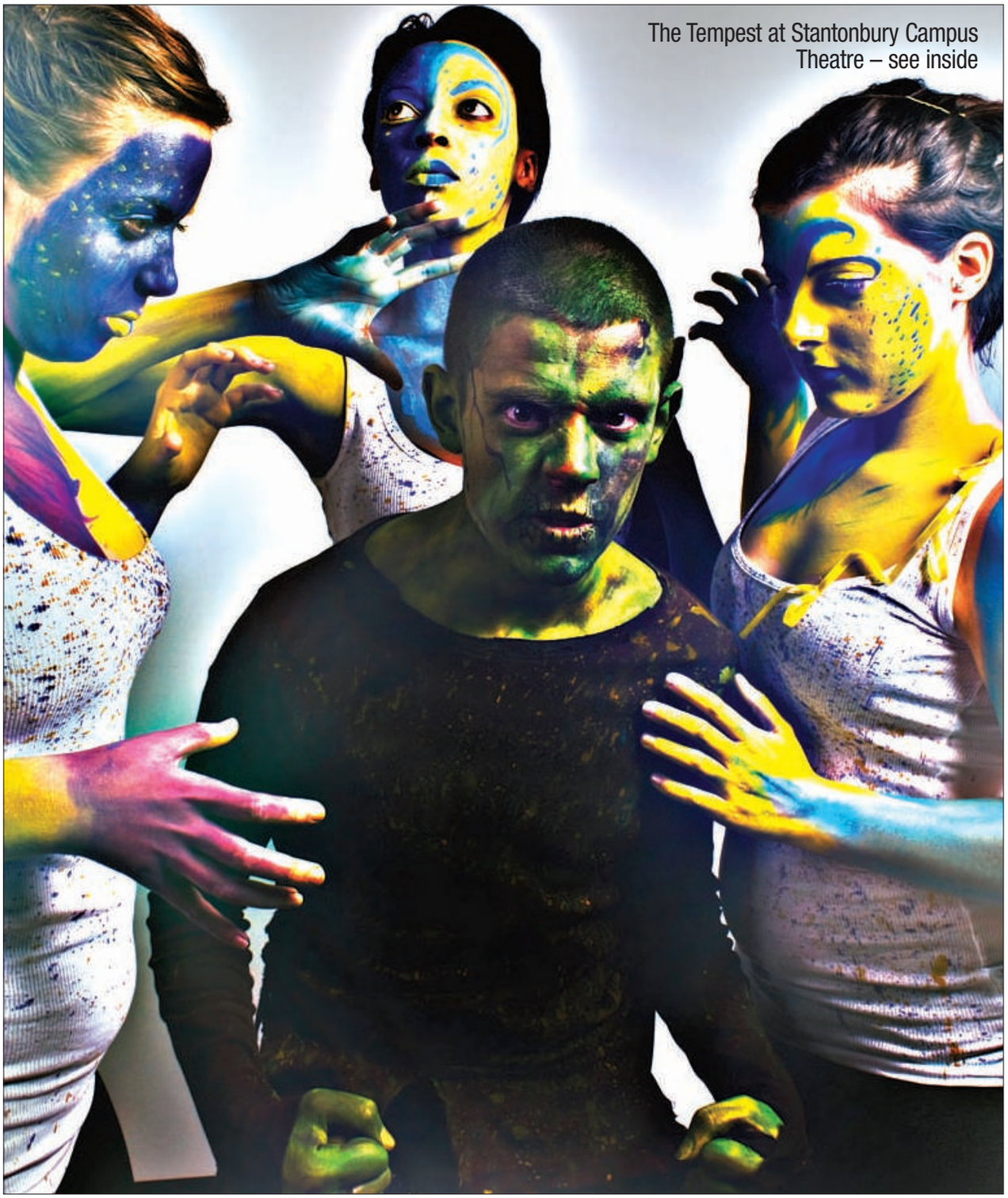

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FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 13. 4-7pm
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Around 24 stalls will sell a range of Christmas gifts and food items, including handmade cards and jams, jewellery, crystals, plant displays, gift boxes, embroidery and more, all in the splendid and warm setting of the mansion.

Santa has also promised to do all that he can to be there too.

Entertainment will be provided by CK Gospel Choir; JP Jazz will be bringing a different impression of Christmas, together with the Diamond School of Performing Arts, with its superb choir and maybe a modern take on the nativity.

To keep the kids occupied while mum and dad shop, Milton Keynes Play Association will have a range of activities, plus there will be fairground rides and candy floss. Local street artists, Festive Road, will be working with three local primary schools, helping the youngsters to make colourful lanterns, which they will parade around the oval lawn at Bletchley Park at 5pm.

Turkey rolls, mince pies and hot drinks, including mulled wine, will be on sale in the restaurant.

Entrance and car parking is free after 4pm on the day of the event which is organised by West Bletchley Council and Bletchley Park.

SIMON DARNELL

THE NOUGHTIES – A REVIEW
PART THREE 2006-08

RIGHT then, we've seen to the first half of the decade and now, in Question Of Sport style, let's have a look at what happened next.

So, 2006 – music 'experts' insisted on stupid chart regulations, meaning that once a physical format was deleted, the single would be expelled from the Top 75 two weeks later. For example, Rihanna dropped out from No10 and Gnarls Barkley fell out from No5 (a couple of weeks earlier and they'd have dropped out from Number One).

God forbid there should be a gap on a record shop's wall purely on the grounds that the demand is still there but the factories have stopped making the singles, eh?

Thankfully, common sense prevailed and since 2007, the general rule has been 'if it sells, it charts', whether it's a download, a CD or even a flexidisc. So that was good.

What wasn't good was the list of casualties that the last three years have racked up. 2006 started with the demise of Smash Hits, a once proud magazine that totally lost its identity, and then halfway through the year Top Of The Pops bought the farm, just at the precise moment where its subject matter (the Top 40) finally became worthwhile again. Nice timing, BBC. By the end of the year, MVC had gone as well.

By 2007, downloads had almost completely taken over from physical formats, with the upside being that rubbish album tracks would no longer automatically become chart toppers and the downside that other tracks were now massively outstaying their welcome (hello Kings of Leon, Nickelback, Jason Mraz et al).

On the bright side, Radiohead released In Rainbows and told their listeners to pay whatever they liked for it, or have it for free, and then at the start of 2008 they released it physically anyway and saw it shoot to Number One on the albums chart. Oh yes, downloading really damaged their sales.

The end of the year didn't end quite so well though, Woolworths hit the buffers and sister company Entertainment UK also went under, helping to take Zavvi down with it.

What with WH Smith pretty much giving up on music as well, it wasn't looking too good if you wanted to buy a CD.

Finally, my favourite songs of each year the Automatic's Monster took 2006, Kaiser Chiefs' The Angry Mob and Charlotte Hatherley's Siberia were joint 2007 winners and 2008 was owned by Frank Turner's Long Live The Queen.

In a couple of weeks, 2009 will complete this cut-out-and-bin set, but next week it's the annual festive round-up.

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Tickets £15.

RICHARD DURRANT: CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 10

FOR the past five years Richard Durrant has given a series of Candlelit Concerts to celebrate the festive season.

This year's concerts will feature music by John Dowland, Sylvius Leopold Weiss, JS Bach, Benjamin Britten and William Walton. The candlelit setting creates a wonderful atmosphere and showing off the beautiful instruments Richard brings to each performance.

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Friday, December 11

sHOWCASING some up-and-coming talent from Milton Keynes and beyond.

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PAUL CARRACK IN CONCERT

Monday, December 14

THE legendary Sheffield-born singer, songwriter and former frontman of Ace, Squeeze and Mike & The Mechanics is back on tour in the autumn to promote his acclaimed new album 'I know That Name'.

With a back catalogue of hits including "How Long", "Tempted" and "The Living Years", Paul's marvelously soulful voice is known to millions around the world; he is undoubtedly a key figure in Britsh pop history.

And as his devoted fans know all too well, a Paul Carrack show is always something very special.

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KAJAGOOGOO

Wednesday, December 16

THIS 25-year reunion caught the music world by surprise and one year on Kajagoogoo will return to The Stables for their only homecoming Christmas date.

After recently completing their first UK tour in quarter of a century, all five original members will perform a selection from their back catalogue – Too Shy, Ooh To Be Ah, The Lion's Mouth, Big Apple – plus solo hits by Limahl and brand new material.

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Sunday, December 13. 7.30pm

THE Wolverton Light Orchestra performs a varied and entertainingg programme of light classics and opera selections from shows, film music and orchestral 'pops'.

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THE TEMPEST

Thursday December 17

CITY stage starlets will shake up Shakespeare next month with a spectacular ground-breaking version of a 400-year-old play.

Performing arts students from Milton Keynes College will wow the crowds with a visually-stunning adaptation of The Tempest.

And excited director Tim Siddall insists his electrifying modern version of one of William Shakespeare's greatest plays will thrill purists and newcomers alike.

He said: "This show is certainly not going to be like any Tempest anyone has ever seen it will look spectacular.

"The play is set on an imaginary desert island so there will be purple rocks, yellow trees and the main characters will have bright hair and post-modern costumes.

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He will be joined by comedy legend Bobby Davro as the cheeky and lovable Buttons, TV favourite Anthea Turner as the Fairy Godmother, A1's Ben Adams as the handsome Prince Charming and beautiful West End leading lady Louise Dearman as Cinderella.

Also joining them will be MK's Top Talent Winner Holly Brewer.

Book your tickets for Cinderella's ball before the clock strikes midnight!

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ADD a little natural magic to your Christmas by joining one of The Parks Trust's festive family activities.

Pull on your mittens, bobble hats and wellies and gather your family and friends together to join park rangers on a wildlife wonder walk.

Discover the magic of nature at this special time of year, look for tracks and signs of animal activity as well as identifying winter trees and plants.

The Christmas Wildlife Wonder Walk takes place on Sunday, December 13, 10-11.30am at Ouse Valley Park. The walk is just £1 and must be booked in advance.

The Parks Trust's annual outdoor carols will take place at Willen Lake, in support of Willen Hospice.

The shimmering waters of North Willen Lake will provide a magical atmosphere underneath the stars for traditional carols.

Exercise your vocal chords and join the throng on Sunday, December 20, 4-5.30pm.

This event is free and there's no need to book. Come dressed for the weather and bring a lantern.

Families can work together to make festive decorations.

Our Jingle All The Way event involves crafts, games and Christmassy fun at Campbell Park Pavilion. The fun takes place on Tuesday, December 22, between 10am-12pm and 1-3pm. A charge of £3/person will be made for materials. Booking is essential.

For a natural display of festive holly and ivy visit the city's ancient woodlands.

With a light dusting of frost or snow, woodlands are transformed into a mysterious wonderland.

Take a short family walk and visit Linford Wood, Shenley Wood or Howe Park Wood.

If you've over-indulged at Christmas don't waste any time on regret – put your best foot forward and join park rangers on a New Year's Day winter walk.

The Winter Waddle is suitable for all the family and will take around two hours setting off from Campbell Park Pavilion at 10.30.

The walk will finish back at Campbell Park with some mulled wine or hot chocolate.

If you'd like to kick-start your New Year's resolutions independently you can download some suggested self-guided walks from the trust's website.

Just visit: www.theparkstrust.com for your Christmas and New Year's inspiration or call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379 to make a booking.

TASTELIFE

BARGE INN

Woolstones

Reviewed by Andy Handley

Being one of the oldest and smartest areas around town former villages of Great and Little Woolstones hold onto their traditions while embracing the new city – and the Barge Inn encompasses the same ethos

Built in the early 19th century to slake the thirsts of the men that built The Grand Union Canal, The Barge has been a favourite among narrow boaters for many years.

The now-restored pub restaurant draws diners from all over with its reputation for good pub food and excellent real ale.

With the new winter menu up and running myself and a guest spent an evening sitting by the open fire tucking into the delights on offer.

I chose to start with Coquilles St Jacques (£5.95) a blend of king scallops in white wine and cream sauce – just perfection.

My guest picked Tempra Tiger Prawns (£5.25) which she said were plump juicy with a batter to kill for, but warned about the firey red peppers served with it.

Choosing from the Winter Warmers section of the menu I picked Spanish Chicken (£10.95) while my dinner partner had Twice Roasted Duck (£11.50).

Piled on a bed of scrummy mash the duck was enhanced by the blend of black cherry and kirsch sauce while my chicken was stuffed with chorizo and goats cheese.

The cheese gave a powerful flavour that mixed splendidly with the saltly chorizo – the contradictions were evened by moist chicken breast and pesto sauce, a muddle but a very pleasent one.

The vegtables for both were plentyful and fresh tasting.

We both decided to take our puddings from the specials board I went for the Panna Cotta while my guest had profiteroles (both £3.95) mine was light fresh and full of fruity flavour while the size of the profiteroles had my partner's eyes popping, still, she managed to finish staring and said they were delious before admitting she may have eaten too much.

As with all good pubs the chatter of other customers lent itself to a pleasant, busy atmosphere and the friendly and helpful staff tended to our needs without being over intrusive.

The Barge Inn serves until 10pm (9.30pm Sundays).

Keep an eye out the former landlord, Samuel Savage, who is still said to visit the building even though he would be over 150 years old by now – as with all good traditional pubs there always needs to be a ghost.

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COMEDY NIGHTS

COMEDY CHRISTMAS NIGHTS

@ City Limits, Xscape

Friday and Saturday, December 11-12

TWO nights of hysterical fun at Xscape – on Friday the MC is John Ryan. He will be using his acerbic wit and seemingly encyclopaedic knowledge of the world around him to keep any audience on their toes.

Opening is Richard Morton, stand-up comedian, singer, songwriter and winner of the Time Out Comedy Award, Richard Morton is now a regular on Channel 5.

Hero: Tim Clark

Headline for the night is Tim Clark. One of the unsung giants and heroes of British comedy.

On Saturday the MC are Chambers & Nettleton. The only female double act cutting it on the live comedy circuit, they are fast gaining a reputation for their warmth, infectious charm and caustic wit.

Opening the evening and his second night in MK is Tim Clark

Headline is Phil Butler. In 2001 he joined the UK comedy circuit, where he is now found closing the show at all the major comedy clubs. Phil has also had the great honour of performing for our British troops in Iraq and more recently Afghanistan.

Tickets £30 which includes two-course Christmas meal. Over 18s. Doors 7pm, food served 7.30pm. Show time 9pm.

Ticket Hotline: 01908 295200
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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG)

Catherine Keener, Tom Noonan, Catherine O'Hara, Forest Whitaker, Michelle Williams,

From Friday

THE story follows Max, a young boy who wears his wolf suit, behaves badly and is sent to bed without any supper. Once there, he escapes to a forest where he is joined by the monstrous-yet-cuddly wild things for their wild rumpus.

CASE 39 (15)

Renee Zellweger, Ian McShane, Bradley Cooper

From Friday

A SOCIAL worker fights to save a child from an abusive household, only to discover the situation is worse than she ever imagined.

STEPFATHER (15)

Dylan Walsh, Sela Ward

From Friday

DAVID Walsh appears to be set on becoming the new loving husband to Susan and stepfather to her children. However, her son has his doubts.

THE BOX

Cameron Diaz, James Marsden,

From Friday

A couple with a young child receive a box as a gift. A stranger delivers the message that the box could offer $1million with the press of a button, however pressing it will cause the death of another human.

I KNOW YOU KNOW

Robert Carlyle, Arron Fuller, David Bradley

From Friday

A MAN living in Wales with his young son starts behaving strangely. He moves into a delapidated flat, keeps in regular contact with a man called Mr Fisher, lives in increasing fear of his life and, as his son discovers, he also owns a gun. Is the father a secret agent or is something darker happening to him?

Where The Wild Things Are

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON

Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Melissa Rosenberg, Catherine Hardwicke

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Edward leaves Bella for her own protection, only for her to start engaging in death-defying activities in order to feel connected to him again.
However, she does become closer to Jacob, a young Quileute Indian who clearly has a crush on her, but also has some secrets.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat

Now showing

AFTER hearing noises in their home a young couple get their hands on a camcorder to catch the perpetrator.

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DAILY LIFE

SATURDAY

Castlethorpe Pre-school Christmas Bazaar. Castlethorpe Village Hall. Great family fun. There are lots of attractions, including Santa's Grotto, face painting, tombola, children's craft activities and games, stalls and refreshments.

COME and Sing The Hallelujah Chorus St Mary & St Giles Church, Stony Stratford. 9.30am-12pm. James Wharton is leading a choral workshop that will sing the Hallelujah Chorus and other music by Haydn and Purcell. All welcome and free entry.

WHOSE Turn is it Anyway? Comedy Improvisation Show. MADCAP Arts Centre, Wolverton. Uur team of local comics are given daft games to play using situations suggested by you, the audience. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start @ MADCAP, Wolverton. Tickets, £6 (if booked in advance) or £7.50 on the door. Not suitable for under 16's

CHRISTMAS Salsa Party organised by Salsa Estrellas. Chrysalis Theatre Milton Keynes, Japonica Lane, Willen.
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SUNDAY

HULA Animal Rescue Christmas Open Day 1-3.30pm. South Midlands Animal Sanctuary, Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise. Christmas Carols, meet Father Christmas, see rescued pets, bazaar, jumble sale and stalls. £2 adults. 01908 584000

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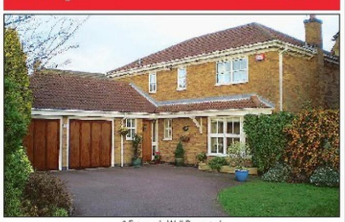

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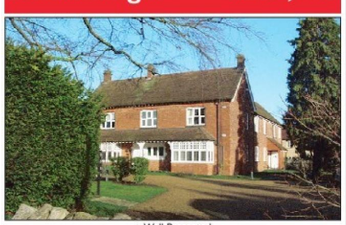

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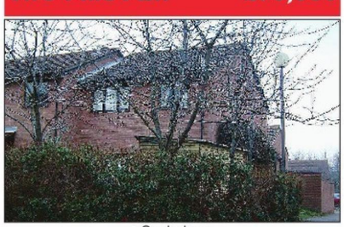

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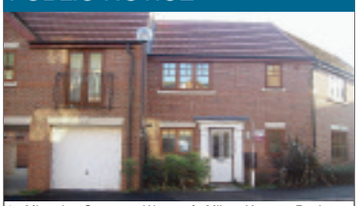

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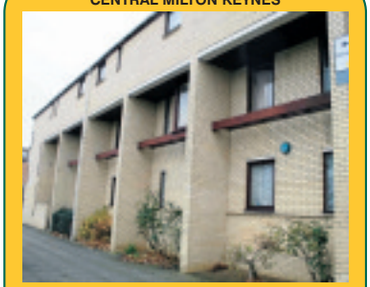

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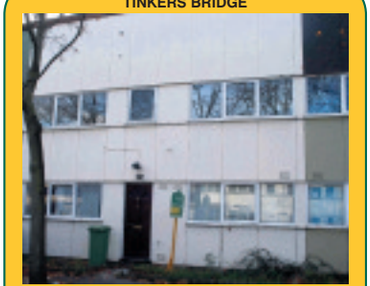

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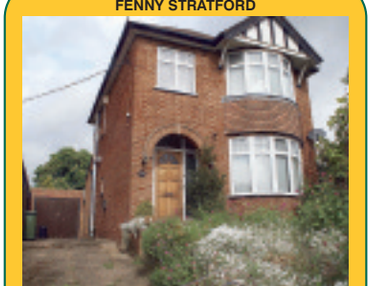

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Assessors
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- Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools
- Childcare

Technician
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(based at Shuttleworth)
Term Time 21 hours per week
Temporary up to July 2010
£7.50 per hour

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ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2003
NOTICE OF AUDIT OPINION

The audit opinion on the accounts of the Council for the year ending 31st March 2009 was issued by the Audit Commission on 26th November 2009.

A Statement of Accounts, as audited, can be inspected by any elector of the Borough at the Strategic Finance section, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard in Central Milton Keynes from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

An elector may make copies of the whole or part of the Statement, or, alternatively, may purchase a copy of the Statement for £10 by contacting the Strategic Finance section (01908 252243). The Statement can also be viewed on the Internet, at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/Finance.

Tim Hannam
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Chief Financial Officer

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Brooksward School

Tower Drive, Neath Hill, Milton Keynes MK14 6JZ

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Two Learning and Teaching Assistant posts for named children
Level 1 – MK3 £13,589 - £16,054 pro rata

First post: Fixed term contract, Monday to Friday: 25 hours per week part- time, 38 week per year

Second post: Temporary one term contract initially but contract may be extended, Monday to Friday: 15 hours per week part time

Start date for both posts: January

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- Are you able to form good working relationships with children and adults?
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For an application form and further details, please contact our School office on: 01908 605605 or e -mail brooksward@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Closing date: Thursday 17th December.
Interview date: Week beginning Monday 4th January
Please do not send CV's and no Agencies please

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Graduate Temporary Assignment

If you are an enthusiastic under-graduate or someone in their final year with a confident telephone manner; we are looking for you to work in our credit control department, making calls to our customers and dealing with their queries.

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Principal: Michelle Currie

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Alternatively contact us on 01908 558765 (24 hrs)

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Playleader

£24,646 - £29,236 **Ref: 50011708/MKN**

Out of School Play Project
For children 4-14yrs

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For informal inquiries contact Carol Cropton 01908 253783.

Closing date: 23 December 2009.
Interview date : 15 January 2010.

For an application form, email: jobs@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call us on 01908 253344 or 253462 (24 hour answerphone). If you have a hearing impairment and have access to Minicom please phone 01908 252727 (office hours only). Please quote appropriate reference. Salaries will normally start at the first point of the grade. We are unable to accept CVs, unless accompanied by a completed application form.

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SEN Casework Officer

£28,636 - £33,661 **Ref: 50012495/MKN**

Fixed term contract to cover maternity leave until end of July 2010 with possibility of permanent position

You will carry out the statutory processes for a caseload of pupils with Special Educational Needs, including completing assessments, attending Annual Reviews and liaising with parents and professionals. With a degree in an educational or related subject, you will have relevant experience which will include working with different agencies.

A CRB check is required for this post.

For informal enquiries, please contact Michelle Marlborough on 01908 253702.

Closing date: 4 January 2010.

Interview date: 20 January 2010.

Fraud Officer

£24,646 - £29,236 **Ref: 50017592/MKN**

Fixed term 6 months with possible extension to a 12 month or permanent contract

Professional in your approach and appearance, you will investigate all cases of potential fraud, including fraudulent benefit claims, utilising various investigative methods. This role will also aide the service in developing effective collection methods to improve our recovery of monies and experience in these areas would be welcomed. Ideally with a fraud qualification, you will have proven expertise in completing and reviewing work of an investigative nature and desirably experience of Housing and Council Tax benefit.

For informal enquiries, please contact Paul Strangward on 01908 254230.

Closing date: 23 December 2009.

Family Support Worker

£17,802 - £21,519 **Ref: 50017394/MKN**

18.5 hrs per week

Grange Farm

Your role will be to support the Sure Start Children's Centre Co-ordinator in the provision of a range of support services to children under five and their families, as well as offering day-to-day support to the Co-ordinator in a variety of family centred tasks. Skilled in motivating people, you will have proven experience of providing support and advice to families with young children.

For informal enquiries, please contact Tony Daniels on 07508015103 or 01908 258050.

Closing date: 18 December 2009.

Interview date: 18 January 2010.

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VOCypf Youth Officer

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The successful candidate will have experience of working within the voluntary and community sector; excellent interpersonal and IT skills; knowledge of the change agenda for services for young people; experience of working in partnership and an understanding of national youth services themes and strategies.

This post is funded by Bedford Borough Council until 31st March 2011.

For an application pack, please call 01234 354366, or email: jobs@voc-ypf.org, or download an application pack at: www.voc-ypf.org

Deadline: 21st December 2009

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In addition you will be required to work on a shift pattern which will include some evenings and weekends so should have a flexible approach to working hours. This position requires CRB clearance.

Closing Date: Monday 21st December 2009 at 12 noon

Interviews to be held week commencing 4th January 2010

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YEAR 5 CLASS TEACHER (MPS)

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The school is committed to safeguarding and the welfare of pupils and expects staff to share that commitment. All posts are subject to enhanced CRB clearance and satisfactory employment history references.

Further post details can be obtained by telephoning the school.

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Project Manager for Regeneration of Historic Bletchley Park

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For full details please see www.bletchleypark.org.uk
Alternatively, contact Simon Greenish by email to sgreenish@bletchleypark.org.uk
or by telephone: 01908 272662 (via Sue May, PA to the Director Bletchley Park).

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Experience and understanding of the enterprise support sector is essential as would experience in product development or project management and an interest in policy issues. (A focus on women's enterprise would be advantageous but not essential).

This is an exciting development for us and we are looking for an individual with both tact and drive, creativity and practicality who will rise to the challenge of establishing and effectively managing this new role in small but influential not for profit organisations with a national remit.

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Interviews scheduled for 14th January 2010

Further details of the post and an application form can be requested from The Recruitment Line on 01234 332571 or email personnel@bedmod.co.uk

The Personnel Department
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT

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Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee Complaint SC/08/05
Councillor John Bint
Finding of no breach of the Code of Conduct

Under section 17(1) (a) Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 the Standards Committee (Consideration Sub-Committee) of Milton Keynes Council meeting on 15th September 2009 have found that there has been no failure of Councillor John Bint to comply with the Milton Keynes Council's Code of Conduct in respect of complaint SC/08/05
The complaint concerns the actions of Councillor Bint, a member of Milton Keynes Council Development Control Committee, when he declared a predetermined position on a planning application before the Committee meeting of 12 June 2008 and stated that he would stand down from proceedings. The complainant alleged that, in contravention of this, Councillor Bint choose to join the other members of the Development Control Committee for an adjournment when the grounds for the refusal were being discussed.
The Standards Committee Consideration Sub-Committee agreed with the findings in the Investigating Officer's report that a reasonable person, in the knowledge of the facts would conclude that:
Councillor Bint did not breach the Code of Conduct. The evidence presented showed that Councillor Bint took steps to inform the officers involved that he would be declaring a predetermined interest in this application, that he declared this interest at the beginning of the Development Control Committee meeting, that he subsequently stepped down whilst this application was being discussed and that, as indicated by consistent testimony, when the meeting was adjourned Councillor Bint stepped out of the chambers away from the Members and officers drafting the reasons for refusal.
The Sub-Committee was satisfied that Councillor Bint was not in the room where discussions on the refusal of the planning permission took place and he could not, therefore, have improperly influenced the decision of the Committee by his actions as alleged.

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Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee Complaint SC/09/02
Councillor David Kind
Finding of no breach of the Code of Conduct

Under section 17(1) (a) Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, the Milton Keynes Council's Standards Committee's Consideration Sub Committee, meeting on 15th September 2009 has found that there has been no failure of Councillor David Kind to comply with the Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council Code of Conduct in respect of complaint SC/09/02
It is alleged that Councillor Kind took legal advice from his own solicitor and an outside investigator with regard to a confidential staffing matter that was the subject of an investigation, without the permission of Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council or a Committee thereof. It is alleged that Councillor Kind must have shared confidential information about the investigation with his solicitor in order to have instructed him.
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The Standards Committee's Consideration Sub-Committee agreed with the findings in the Investigating Officers report that a reasonable person, in the knowledge of the facts would conclude that Councillor Kind sought legal advice from a confidential counselling service, for the purpose of ensuring his actions as the Chair of Personnel Committee at Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council were correct. Councillor Kind, therefore, had not breached the Code.

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August

08 Hartlepool	(H)	0-0
11 Swindon (Carling Cup)	(H)	1-4
15 Swindon	(A)	0-0
18 Tranmere	(A)	1-0
22 Colchester	(H)	2-1
29 Exeter	(A)	2-1

September

02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT)	(H)	3-1
05 Huddersfield	(H)	2-3
14 Norwich	(H)	2-1
19 Wycombe	(A)	1-0
26 Leeds	(H)	0-1
29 Oldham	(A)	1-2

October

03 Brighton	(A)	1-0
06 Southend (JPT)	(H)	2-0
10 Walsall	(H)	1-0
17 Gillingham	(H)	2-0
24 Southampton	(A)	1-3
31 Bristol Rovers	(H)	2-1

November

07 Macclesfield (FA Cup)	(H)	1-0
10 Northampton (JPT)	(H)	3-1
14 Charlton	(A)	1-5
20 Southend	(A)	1-2
24 Carlisle	(H)	3-4
28 Exeter (FA Cup)	(H)	4-3

December

01 Millwall	(A)	2-3
05 Yeovil	(H)	2-2
12 Leyton Orient	(A)	
15 Hereford (JPT)	(A)	
19 Brentford	(H)	
26 Stockport	(H)	
28 Huddersfield	(A)	

January

02 Burnley (FA Cup)	(H)	
09 Swindon	(H)	
16 Hartlepool	(A)	
23 Tranmere	(H)	
30 Exeter	(H)	

February

06 Stockport	(A)	
13 Carlisle	(A)	
20 Southend	(H)	
23 Millwall	(H)	
27 Yeovil	(A)	

March

06 Leyton Orient	(H)	
13 Brentford	(A)	
20 Southampton	(H)	
27 Gillingham	(A)	

April

03 Charlton	(H)	
05 Bristol Rovers	(A)	
10 Norwich	(A)	
13 Oldham	(H)	
17 Wycombe	(H)	
24 Leeds	(A)	

May

01 Brighton	(H)	
08 Walsall	(A)	

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Aaron Wilbraham goes down in the box under a tackle by Terrell Forbes to earn Dons their first point since the end of October

Fragile four put Dons under pressure from the kick-off

MK DONS 2
Baldock 4, Leven (pen) 65

YEOVIL TOWN 2
Bowditch 1, McDonald 17

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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A PETER Leven penalty helped MK Dons put and end to a four-match losing streak in League One.

The Dons had to twice come from behind to pick up their first point since the end of October.

There were still defensive horrors on show from the Dons and any hopes of a clean sheet were dashed just 33 seconds into the game when Dean Bowditch struck.

As starts go it was the worst possible one for the Dons with Bowditch sending Gavin Tomlin's through ball beyond the reach of Willy Gueret.

Thankfully for the Dons striker Sam Baldock continued his wonderful form in front of goal three minutes later by netting his seventh in as many games.

The England Under-20 international's work rate and impressive finishing has been the bright light in a dark few weeks for the club.

However, as has been the case too often in recent weeks Yeovil added further misery to an already fragile Dons defence by regaining the lead.

Shaun MacDonald was allowed too much space on the right to slot in a second, with Tomlin once again the creator.

The Dons were then a little on the fortunate side when David McCracken received a caution for hacking down Bowditch at the edge of the box, even though the referee would have been justified to show a straight red.

Manager Paul Ince was back on the touchline in the second half, after missing the defeat at Millwall through illness, and that was when the Dons began to play some of their best football.

They spent most of the half knocking at the Yeovil door with Luke Chadwick shooting off target, Nigel Quashie nodding on to the inside of the crossbar and Aaron Wilbraham seeing his header go over the bar.

But it was the big front man's busy work in the box that resulted in the Dons' leveller.

Wilbraham was proving to be a handful so Terrell Forbes decided to drag him to the floor - which the referee spotted and rewarded the home side with a penalty.

With Jermaine Easter suspended the penalty duties fell to Leven who, in front of the Cowshed, confidently sent his spot-kick into the centre of the net.

Yeovil had barely ventured into the Dons' half but Ince's men were unable to find that illusive third.

MK DONS: Gueret, Howell, Powell, McCracken, Lewington (c), Chadwick (Devaney 74), Leven, Quashie (Gleeson 89), Puncheon, Wilbraham, Baldock. Booked: Puncheon, Leven

YEOVIL TOWN: McCarthy, Alcock, Caulker, Forbers, Williams, Tomlin, Mason (O'Callaghan 62), Bowditch (Obika 74), Kalala, MacDonald, Smith. Booked: Forbes, Kalala

Referee: Paul Tierney (Lancashire)

Attendance: 8, 914

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leeds United	19	7	3	0	21	6	7	1	1	16	4	27	46
2	Charlton	20	8	2	0	22	8	4	4	2	15	11	18	42
3	Norwich	20	7	2	1	26	13	4	3	3	16	11	18	38
4	Colchester	20	8	1	1	18	7	2	5	3	15	11	15	36
5	Huddersfield	20	7	3	0	31	7	2	2	6	12	17	19	32
6	Swindon	18	4	4	1	11	9	4	3	2	13	13	2	31
7	Bristol Rovers	20	6	1	3	13	12	4	0	6	16	20	-3	31
8	Walsall	20	4	4	2	17	11	4	2	4	12	14	4	30
9	**MK Dons**	**20**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**16**	**13**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**11**	**16**	**-2**	**30**
10	Millwall	20	6	3	1	18	8	1	5	4	9	13	6	29
11	Hartlepool	20	4	2	4	11	10	3	3	4	15	15	1	26
12	Carlisle	20	4	1	5	13	13	2	5	3	14	17	-3	24
13	Yeovil	20	4	4	2	17	13	1	4	5	7	15	-4	23
14	Southend	20	4	3	3	11	11	2	2	6	11	15	-4	23
15	Southampton	20	4	4	2	17	12	4	4	2	18	13	10	22
16	Gillingham	20	6	3	1	17	5	0	1	9	7	24	-5	22
17	Exeter	20	3	5	2	14	10	2	2	6	9	19	-6	22
18	Brentford	20	4	4	2	14	12	1	3	6	5	13	-6	22
19	Leyton Orient	20	4	3	3	15	13	2	1	7	9	22	-11	22
20	Oldham	20	2	4	4	9	14	3	2	5	6	11	-10	21
21	Brighton	20	2	1	7	10	19	3	4	3	13	18	-14	20
22	Wycombe	20	3	2	5	9	11	1	3	6	11	22	-13	17
23	Tranmere	20	4	1	5	13	17	1	1	8	6	23	-21	17
24	Stockport	19	1	2	6	8	20	2	3	5	8	14	-18	14

COMING UP

LEYTON ORIENT
League One
Saturday, December 12
Matchroom Stadium KO 3pm

THE hunt is on for the Dons' first win since the end of October.

Boss Paul Ince will be hoping the Dons stopped the rot with their 2-2 draw at home to Yeovil Town, but will want to end the run of five games without a win in the league quickly.

Orient are hovering just above the drop zone, and have a mixed record at the Matchroom Stadium. Of their 10 games at home they have won four, lost three and shared the points on three occasions.

The Dons will welcome back Jermaine Easter from suspension, but will be without David McCracken.

HEREFORD UNITED
JPT area semi-final
Tuesday, December 15
Edgar Street KO 7pm

MK Dons face Hereford United for the first time in a cup competition.

There have been six meetings between the sides in the past three years and the Dons have come out on top three times.

There have been two goalless draws and Hereford have won just once.

Both the Bulls and the Dons know they are just three games away from a day out at Wembley for the final.

The winner will meet either Norwich or Southampton in a two-legged area final.

If the scores are level after 90 minutes the match will be decided on penalties - there is no extra-time.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Red Dot party

MK Dons Supporters' Association are hosting their Christmas party on Saturday.

Supporters will embark on a mad dash back from Leyton Orient with the hope of celebrating three points and Christmas.

MKDSA members and non-member are invited to the party which will include a disco and a raffle.

The festive celebration will take place at stadiummk's Red Dot Bar at 7.30pm, entry is free.

U-18s out of cup

LAST week MK Dons Under-18s were knocked out of the FA Youth Cup.

The Dons suffered a 3-1 home defeat to Leyton Orient in the Third Round of the competition.

Mike Dove's side had got off to a dream start with Hayden Carter netting a superb half-volley just five minutes into the match.

But that was to be the brightest part of the Dons' evening as Jake Argent equalised to leave the score all square at half-time.

Then in the second half Orient put in a strong second-half performance with goals coming from Argent and Louis Crowther to book the visitors' place in the fourth round.

Adding to the Dons' woes their top goalscorer Charlie Collins was stretchered off in the game.

The week did not get any better for the young Dons as they suffered a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Reading at the weekend.

Heroes day success

THE Dons' Help For Heroes day last Saturday proved a big success.

On the day, organised to celebrate the work of the British Armed Forces, Dons supporters helped raise £2129.86.

The Dons and Yeovil players made a guard of honour for RAF Halton prior to kick-off and Squadron leader Colin Baker carried the match ball to the centre circle.

A parade also took part at half-time.

Dons midfielder Peter Leven, who is donating £5 for every Dons goal scored, was delighted with the fund raising, he said: "I'd just like to say thank you to everyone for supporting the day on Saturday and my challenge this season. I know it's hard in the current climate for people at the moment, but the response we've had and the generosity people have shown has just been fantastic. To raise over £2,000 in one afternoon is an unbelievable effort and I'm extremely grateful to everyone who contributed their hard-earned money to a worthy cause."

Ladies move up

MK Dons Ladies beat Cambridge Ladies 3-0 to move them back-up to second place in the South East Combination league.

Aileen Whelan, Charly Wright and Mikeala Welford scored.

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Phoenix jinx strikes again

ICE HOCKEY

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MK LIONS 71

Holmes/New 14, Harrison

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The Lions bought an 88-84 lead into the game after the first leg, but it was the home side who put themselves in front at the end of the period leading 21-19.

In the second quarter the sides continued to trade baskets throughout the quarter and the Lions got themselves into a good position as they took the lead at 38-39 heading into the closing stages of the first half.

A Chez Marks basket and a pair of free-throws from Paul Peterson on the half-time buzzer gave the lead back to the Jets as the teams headed into the locker rooms with the home side ahead by three points at 42-39 at the half.

The Lightning defence comes under pressure against Slough
Pic Jezz Tibbett

In the second half, the Jets broke the game open, thanks in no small to James Hamilton as he bagged seven points, with a 14-5 burst to take the score out to 56-44.

A further 8-5 run for the Jets took the lead out to fifteen points at 64-49, but a 7-2 finish to the third period for the Lions trimmed the deficit back to ten points at 66-56 as the teams headed into the final stanza.

In the final period, a pair of three-pointers from EJ Harrison and Dru Spinks bought the Lions right back into the game as they trimmed the deficit to six points at 68- 62. The game remained in the balance as neither team could establish a command on the game and a pair of free-throws from Frank Holmes for the Lions kept the deficit at six points at 77-71 with 45 seconds left in the game.

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RUGBY

South West 1 East

Bletchley 26
Old Oakmedians 12

BLETCHLEY'S first ever match against Old Oakmedians ended in a comfortable victory.

George Harman opened the scoring with a penalty but it was the visitors who had the lead at half-time thanks to two tries and one conversion.

But after the break Bletchley dominated the possession and scoring.

George Harman added another three points, before Adam Griffiths went under the posts for a try and Phil Harman struck a penalty to give Bletchley a two point lead.

The Carl Miller's try, added with George Harman's conversion, extended the lead to 21-12.

An injury to the Oakmedian flyhalf delayed the game, and they were forced to play the remainder of the game with 14 players.

Miller took advantage by grabbing the final try of the afternoon.

Olney 15
Wallingford 21

A BLISTERING second half spell saw Wallingford beat Olney.

The home side were leading at the half-time break after James Hawkes kicked a penalty.

But five minutes into the second half Wallingford bagged a converted try then extended their lead with a penalty.

It opened the floodgates as Wallingford were able to crash over three more times to go from three points behind to lead 21-3.

Olney rang the changes with 15 minutes to go and were rewarded by Matt Jackson's converted try.

Then late in the game Olney grabbed another with the forwards driving over, but the missed conversion left Olney with no rewards for their fightback.

Southern Counties North

Slough 11
Milton Keynes 6

MK found life against Slough's pack hard working and struggled to control them. They were forced into errors which allowed Slough to take the lead through an early penalty.

It took 30 minutes for City to draw level with Phil Powell's penalty after an infringement by a Slough forward.

From the restart Neil Webb took an excellent catch under pressure and the ball was quickly chip down the field only for Slough to touch down on their try line before an MK player could.

Moments later MK were once again given the opportunity to go in front when they were awarded a penalty, Powell's kick was successful and but a kick by Slough had the scores even at 6-6 at half-time.

With half an hour remaining in the game MK had the opportunity to take the lead when a Slough player was sent to the sin bin, and City were rewarded a penalty, but the attempt at goal was missed by Powell.

Then 12 minutes from time Mike Dean received a yellow card for unnecessary use of the boot, and to add to City's woes Slough scored the only try of the afternoon soon after.

MKSPORTSSHORTS

Jasmine's double bronze

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Jasmine Finlay won two bronze medals as she led the Ousedale School Intermediate Girls team to third place at the English Schools Cross Country Cup final in Newquay.

The team finished third with the same number of points as silver medallists Penair School.

Finlay ran an excellent individual run for third place in a time of 11 minutes 45 seconds, while Jade Leggett came 13th, Gemma Childs 34th and Emily Bousfield came 56th.

Baseball players wanted

THE MK Bucks Baseball Club are on the hunt for new players.

The team, who have played at Woughton on the Green for 10 years, currently play in the British Baseball Federation Midlands League.

In the 2009 season they finished in third place behind two American Air Force teams stationed in the region.

Despite their success a lack of players available at the end of the season saw them forfeit a place in the end of season final four play-off tournament.

Training for next season begins in January, anyone interested in joining should email ollycalcutt@hotmail.com or log on to www.miltonkeynesbucks.co.uk for further details.

Local football

NEWPORT Pagnell Town crashed out of the FA Vase following a 3-2 defeat away at Brimsdown Rovers.

Darren Lynch scored twice in the match but it was not enough for the Swans as the tie was settled with virtually the last kick of the game.

It had been a scrappy affair and the odd goal cost the Swans a place in the final 32.

Elsewhere, on the Molten Spartan South Midlands division one Stony Stratford Town's match away game at Tokyngton Manor was postponed.

New Bradwell St Peter lost 1-0 at home to Holmer Green and Buckingham Athletic beat Amersham Town by a solitary goal.

In division two Old Bradwell United were beaten 4-1 by Bucks Students Union, and MK Wanderers thrashed Tring Corinthians 5-0.

Bletchley Town lost in a seven goal thriller at Risborough Rangers, the home side won 5-2.

BASKETBALL

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VINCE'S VIEW

Head coach and owner of MK Lions, Vince Macaulay writes for MK NEWS

GRIM, grim and grimmer - that is the mood in the camp this week following our exit from the BBL Cup last Sunday at the hands of the Cheshire Jets.

We went out on our worst performance of the season in our biggest game. I hardly recognised some of the players out there. We need to assess the reason for this and make adjustments as we expect to be in many big games this season and we need to ensure this is not repeated.

I must extend thanks to the many fans who turned up to support us in Chester and promise them that we owe them one for that display. They were loud and proud as they cheered us on but in the end we fell a little short. I'm not sure we had a single player who played up to par, but that's fine because we win as a team and we lose as a team, what we need now is to find someone to bear the brunt of how we feel.

Well Everton Tigers appear to fit the bill because they happen to be our next opponents on the road this Friday.

They are a team that have stuttered this season though we understand they have agreed to sign the BBL's Player of the Year, Trey Moore, so we expect him to make his debut against us in Liverpool.

We will then return home for our penultimate game at the Bletchley Leisure Centre on Sunday. People are suddenly realising that the old lady is going to get knocked down. Well Plymouth will need knocking down in this game and that's exactly what we intend to do as we need to rebuild our form and begin to play the way we know we can.

The club is looking for volunteers in many capacities as we relocate to the-centre:mk, if you are able to help in any way, be it ushering people to seats, videoing the home games, please email me at vince@mklions.com.

For now I leave you with this week's nugget: "I thought growing up was something that happened automatically with age, now I know it's something you choose to do."

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Ince threatens a January sale

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A DEFENSIVE headache is the last thing Dons boss Paul Ince needs but is exactly what he has ahead of their trip to Leyton Orient.

It is the area that has become the Dons' Achilles heel having let in 19 goals in six matches and now Ince will be forced to reshuffle his back line.

Centre back David McCracken picked up his fifth caution of the season in the 2-2 draw with Yeovil Town meaning he will be suspended for the game at the Matchroom Stadium.

McCracken has started every League One fixture this season and Ince will now be desperate for Mathias Doumbe to recover from his hamstring strain in time for Saturday.

Who ever replaces the former Wycombe captain will have their work cut out after Ince told his players to improve their performances or they face being axed.

The Dons number one says the blame does not just lie with his defenders and goalkeeper but the entire squad.

He said: "You can have all the preparation, all the tactics in the world, if you can not defend and have the desire to defend then you're going to keep making mistakes.

"I've said it before, and I'll say it again, if you keep making mistakes then eventually people have to be replaced. They've got stand up and be counted, all of them, not just the back four or five, but the people who are not doing their jobs.

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"If people are making individual mistakes then there's always going to be chances that, come January, you're looking to be bring people in.

"That's the way football is you've got to be ruthless. We want to keep moving forward

"We either improve it or we get people out and bring people in."

That improvement will have to start on Saturday if the Dons are going to push their way back up the table.

Silverstone secures F1 in 17-year deal

A SEVENTEEN-YEAR deal has been agreed to keep Formula One at Silverstone – six months after the track was thought to have held its final British Grand Prix.

Last year F1 chief Bernie Ecclestone shocked the world when he announced that Donington Park would host the Grand Prix from 2010.

The future of the event had come under question after a deal with the Leicestershire circuit collapsed in October after appropriate finances could not be confirmed to ensure the future of the event.

Extended deadlines were handed to the ailing circuit, but the failure of Donington boss Simon Gillett was confirmed last month when Mr Ecclestone announced the F1 circus would not be visiting Leicestershire.

On Monday, former World Champion Damon Hill, chairman of the British Racing Drivers Club (BRDC), and chief executive of Silverstone Circuits Richard Phillips confirmed Silverstone would once again host the British Grand Prix.

It means Milton Keynes-based Red Bull Racing will once again have the opportunity for a one-two finish at their home Grand Prix, just as they did last season.

And the track is popular with Red Bull driver Mark Webber who told MK NEWS last month, when negotiations were still ongoing, that sticking with Silverstone would be the best decision.

He said:"I think it's an absolute no-brainer that we have a British Grand Prix and Silverstone is a great venue for it.

"It gets an amazing amount of support from the public when it comes here. There are so many Formula One teams that are based in the UK, and two World Champions with Jenson (Button) and Lewis (Hamilton)."

It will also be a huge boost to the local economy, especially as the MotoGP, the motorbike equivalent to F1, will also be held at the track next year.

Red Bull's Mark Webber after his Silverstone heroics earlier this year

Responding to the news City MP Mark Lancaster said: "This is great news for Milton Keynes and a big relief after a lot of hard lobbying by many people. The revenue for the city from the weekend itself to one side, it is worth remembering that a large slice of the motor sport industry is based in Milton Keynes and the financial impact of a move would have been severe."

Leader of Milton Keynes Council Cllr Sam Crooks said: "We are delighted with the news. There are so many good things about it. We are a centre of Formula 1 industry.

"It's also hugely important in terms of jobs."

Top tips for recycling this Christmas

1 New TV, Mp3 player, or games console? New lights for the tree?

Nearly 173 million electrical items were sold in the uk over this year. 27 million of those were mobile phones which, when they run out, will equate to 3,500 tonnes of waste.
You can recycle all your old electrical appliances and Christmas lights at any of our Community Recycling Centres (CRC's)
See the section below for opening times over the festive period.

2 Recycle your real christmas tree into your green bin

You can have your tree taken away as part of your weekly collection.
You are welcome to chop it up so that it fits into your green bin (please make sure that the lid can be closed all the way).

Our crews will also accept trees that are left out with your green bins and pink sacks for collection.
Please ensure that trees do not blow away or cause an obstruction to pedestrians or traffic.

3 Not sure what to do with large pieces of cardboard?

Cardboard should be, where possible, broken down so that it can fit into the pink sacks, and the bag tied up. Larger pieces can be taken to any of the Community Recycling Centres (CRC's) where there are dedicated areas for large quantities of cardboard.

4 Recycle your cooking oil now at all Community Recycling Centres

Just one litre of used cooking oil (about 1/3 of what is in a regular chip pan) can be converted into a new green fuel called LF100 and produce enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea.

5 Shop smarter and take the guesswork out of Christmas dinner

Always have loads left over or not enough to go around? Take a look at **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com** for portion planning for Christmas day and New Year parties. Put in how many people you are cooking for and your ingredients and it will do the rest for you.

6 No space for all your recycling? Use bring banks and CRC's

There are recycling banks throughout Milton Keynes which can accept all the materials that can go into pink sacks, though you will need to empty the bags into the bins. CRC's have pink bins that will accept tied up bags in addition to all other materials that can be recycled. Please visit our website for details of what can be recycled and where.

Where to recycle this Christmas

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees can be cut up and placed into your green food and garden waste bin, making sure that the lid can be closed. If the tree is too large, it can be taken to one of the three Community Recycling Centres across Milton Keynes.

Christmas cards

Cards will be accepted in pink sacks, please remove any ribbons and non paper decoration.
The Woodland Trust also recycles Christmas cards through WHSmith, TK Maxx and Marks & Spencer and plants trees with the proceeds from collecting the cards.

Bulky Waste

Milton Keynes Council offers a free collection service for items that you would normally take with you when moving home.

We will collect other items but a charge may apply.

For more information or to arrange a collection call the Environmental Services Contact Centre on:

Tel: 01908 252570
Email: recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Web: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bulkywaste

Community Recycling Centres (CRC)

Recycling centres allow residents to recycle a huge array of different materials and also to purchase some items for re-use through shops on each site.

Materials available to recycle include:

- Electrical items
- Cooking Oil
- Christmas Trees
- Scrap metal
- Textiles and clothing
- Wood and timber
- Hardcore and rubble
- Furniture
- Used engine oil
- Tyres
- Car batteries

Sites are located at:

- Bleak Hall, Chesney Wold, MK16 1NE
- New Bradwell, Newport Rd, MK13 0AH
- Newport Pagnell, North Crawley Rd, MK16 9HG

See our website for full details together with details of our 11 smaller 'bring banks' located at various sites accross the borough.

Contacting the council for help and assistance

To order a blue box for glass recycling, visit:
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bluebox
To find your nearest pink sack outlet, visit:
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling
Email the recycling team directly on:
recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk
For all recycling enquiries call the Environmental Services Contact Centre on:
01908 252570

Look out for this booklet coming through your door detailing all the changes to your service over Christmas and New Year.

Changes to your recycling and waste collections over the Christmas period 2009

Please be aware that your collection dates will be affected by the Christmas and New Year holidays over a four week period. Please make sure that your recycling and waste is ready to be collected from the boundary of your property by 7am on your revised collection day.

Christmas Week

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 21st December	Monday 21st December
Tuesday 22nd December	Tuesday 22nd December
Wednesday 23rd December	Wednesday 23rd December
Thursday 24th December	Thursday 24th December
Friday 25th December	Tuesday 29th December

New Year

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 28th December	Wednesday 30th December
Tuesday 29th December	Thursday 31st December
Wednesday 30th December	Saturday 2nd January
Thursday 31st December	Monday 4th January
Friday 1st January	Tuesday 5th January

First Week of January 2010

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 4th January	Wednesday 6th January
Tuesday 5th January	Thursday 7th January
Wednesday 6th January	Friday 8th January
Thursday 7th January	Saturday 9th January
Friday 8th January	Monday 11th January

Second Week of January 2010

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 11th January	Tuesday 12th January
Tuesday 12th January	Wednesday 13th January
Wednesday 13th January	Thursday 14th January
Thursday 14th January	Friday 15th January
Friday 15th January	Saturday 16th January

Third week of January 2010
All collections return to normal

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